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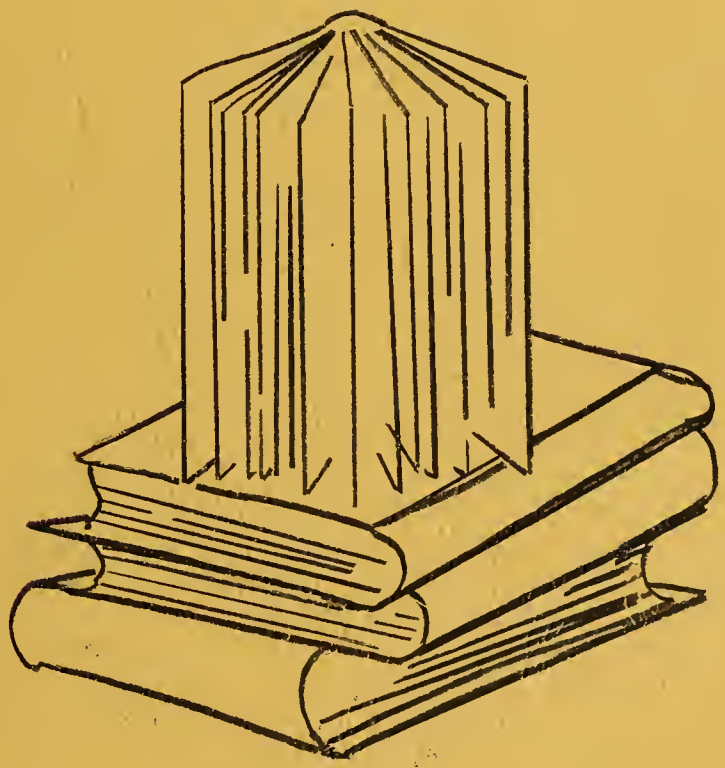

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MONTANA STATE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Following the enactment by 1967 Legislative Assembly of the act creating a State Publications Distribution Center in the State Library, the MLA continued this committee under the name Montana State Publications Committee, with somewhat general and unspecified duties. The Committee has, therefore, interpreted its duties as (1) to keep in touch with the progress of the State Publications Distribution Center, (2) to inform itself of activies, legislative or otherwise, relevent to Montana state documents, and (30 to make recommendations to the Association for legislative action and further investigation.

In pursuance of the first duty, the Committee can only offer the highest praise to the State Library staff for the prompt and efficient establishment of the State Publications Distribution plan. Shipments of documents to depository libraries began in January 1968 and continue regularly. The comprehensive coverage of documents distributed indicates good cooperation from state agencies in supplying their publications - a relation attained only with much patience, tact and continued prodding.

While it appears that some agencies interpret "state publications" in a restricted meaning and that some useful materials are probably excluded as "for internal use", it is well recognized that such conditions will tend to eliminate these commissions. For the valuable service performed by the State Publications Distribution Center in establishing a centralized distribution system of our state documents, the Center and the State Library deserve the appreciation of the Montana Library Association and all librarians in the State.

The further task of the Center, the preparation of a list of all Montana state documents, will provide librarians, and research workers, another valuable service. A more frequent list, semi-annual or quarterly, would be appreciated when this becomes feasible.

Looking to the future, it would be desirable for the State Publications Distribution Center to act as a depository for back files of state publications,, to supply future requests from Libraries. The Committee recommends very limited holdings of back files.

During the current biennium, the Legislative Council is investigating state printing, the result of which will be presented to the 1969 Legislative Assembly. Of particular interest to libraries is the study of printing by state agencies.

The Legislative Council in a memorandum, "Reporting Requirements of State Agencies", prepared for the subcommittee making the investigation, enumerates the inconsistencies and inadequacies existing in reporting of state agencies: (1) forty-three agencies are not required to report by statute, (2) many disparities exist in statutes specifying frequency of report, to

whom report is made, the date report is due and the period covered in report, and (3) statutes which require reports from state agencies and officials show - little uniformity in specifications for contents of reports, i.e., factual data to be included and recommendations for legislative action.

The Memorandum suggests certain statutary changes to improve state reporting: (1) periodic reporting from all agencies and officials should probably be mandatory, (2) uniform due dates, reporting periods, and content requirements, and (3) uniform specifications that both Governor and Legislative Assembly receive reports.

The Memorandum further suggests that all reports submitted to the Governor be published in one volume for presentation to Legislative Assembly. This would not preclude, but would not require, publication of reports in pamphlet form by state agencies for general distribution.

This Committee commends the changes that have been suggested by the Legislative Council to insure complete and uniform reporting of state government activities. The Committee is concerned, however, that the suggested dual reporting plan, one report for the legislators and another for general distribution, might threaten adequate distribution of state documents. There is danger that this dual reporting might result in even greater difficulties than now exist for libraries and research workers concerned with State documents.

As one way of quaranteeing comprehensive availability of state reports, the Committee suggests that a complete set of state reports for each reporting period be deposited in the State Publications Distribution Center for production of a microfilm edition. Positive copies of the filmed reports would be available from the Center. A microfilm edition would have value not only for current use but would insure preservation of state records.

The final report and recommendations of the Legislative Council on state printing should be studied by this Association with recommendations for appropriate action.

In the long-range planning for insuring adequate collections of Montana state documents, this committee recommends investigation of ways and means for comprehensive microfilming of all Montana documents. The undertaking is immense, but each year adds to its urgency. This Committee urges a beginning.

Mary Dempsey, Ruth O. Longworth, Lucile Speer, Chairman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The following GUIDELINES FOR INSURING INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM IN MONTANA'S LIBRARIES, are submitted to the President with the rec-

ommendation that these guidelines be presented to the membership at the 1968 MLA Conference for consideration as Association policy.

COMPOSTION

The committee shall be composed of representatives of ALL TYPES OF LIBRARIES, TRUSTEES and FRIENDS groups. The chairman is appointed by the MLA President for a two-year term. The chairman selects committee members. Committee members serve two-year rotating terms to provide overlap of experience. This group is directly concerned with the freedom of all members of a democratic society to read what they will in the course of making the social, educational, and political judgments on which that society is based. We feel that books and libraries are the chief bastion against the pressures toward conformity which are in large part already overwhelming the motion picture, radio and television, and the press. Only in libraries can the interested student easily find record of the past, and only in libraries can the interested citizen hope to find all the relevant facts concerning current controversial issues. It is appropriate that librarians should deem their freedom, and that of their libraries, of the utmost importance to the continued existence of democracy.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Investigate instances of censorship pressure on librarians.

Investigate instances of actions taken by librarians which indicate possible elements of censorship.

Support stands by librarians and/or interested citizens in opposition to community censorship efforts.

Report violations of the principles embodied in the accepted documents relating to intellectual freedom to the President of MLA.

Provide guidance in the development of book selection policies with libraries that need them.

Urge the adoption of firm, defined book selection policies including clearly defined procedures for handling complaints from citizens.

Disseminate information to librarians and interested citizens concerning the rights and responsibilities of librarians.

Develop and implement a long-term public relations program emphasizing the importance of the freedom to read and the protection of that right.

Inform the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee of pertinent state legislation and local actions pertaining to censorship.

Maintain an up-to-date information file for the use of committee members and other interested persons.

Submit to the MLA Executive Board committee proposals and suggestions which would be pertinent to meeting the above responsibilities

PROCEDURES

Reports of actions conflicting with the principles of intellectual freedom may originate from local librarians, trustees, friends groups or other responsible sources. Reports should include documented references to the alleged incident and persons involved.

Investigation: The chairman of the committee or his designee fully investigates the facts in each case. Promptness of committee action is essential to insure a significantly accurate recall of events. The following guidelines are suggested for the use of the investigating person:

Be calm, objective, courteous.

Indicate the nature of the complaint and the name of the complainant.

Use primary sources rather than hearsay.

Corroborate and cross-check facts if additional witnesses are available.

Take notes to insure accurate reporting of the case.

It is often best if a single person conducts the investigation.

When the investigation is complete, the chairman of the committee should call a meeting to determine the best course of action to be taken. If the committee cannot be quickly mustered, the decision should be that of the chairman and the investigator.

Action: Each case, being unique, prompts its own course of action However, there are often basic patterns:

The exclusion or removal of materials. This is often due to ideas expressed, the point of view, language used, author's life and ideas, illustrations.

The labeling of materials. Labels are an attempt to prejudice the reader and/or guide specific use, specific audience (age, etc.) or require special permission to use.

The demand for purchase of specific materials. This serves to support the point of view of the pressure group.

The circulation of a list of "bad" books. This serves to establish a standard of taste and morality espoused by the pressure group. The indicated course of action by the committee is dependent on who made the decision in the particular instance and the rationale used. A public librarian is answerable to trustees and a school librarian is answerable to the school administration and the school board. The following may be used as guidelines:

Ask for written charges, signed by the complainant.

Explain to the Librarian, the board, the administration, etc., the implications of an act of censorship. Affirm the rights and responsibilities of the librarian, defending those rather than the book in question. Provide supportive materials - i.e. Library Bill of Rights, ALA Freedom to Read Statement, etc.

Enlist the aid of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, MLA etc.

Public Relations:
To forestall the difficulties for all concerned, the committee should promote an awareness in librarians and others interested in libraries as well as all types of media the importance of the right to read.

Possible ways of doing this include:

An annual exhibit at the convention manned by informed persons to answer MLA members' questions as they arise and to distribute helpful information.

Frequent reminders of the rights and responsibilities of Librarians.

Possible coordinated programs with interested and allied groups such as Municipal League, P.T.A., County Commissioners, League of Women Voters, Chambers of Commerce, AAUW, B & P W, etc.

Reports: Status reports regarding investigations and actions to be made promptly to the President of MLA. Instances of censorship, actions taken by the local committee, newspaper articles reporting, community pressures, legislative bills which might affect libraries and their free choice of materials - these should be reported to the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

MECHANISM FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS

1. Ask complainant to fill our form detailing his objections to material. (see sample form)

2. Refer complainant's form to a responsible professional library staff member (or equivalent) or to staff-appointed committee for investigation and recommended action.

3. If material in question was acquired in accordance with Board's official policy and administration's formal selection procedure defer to these in ruling on complaints, rather than attempting to argue merits of single item or type of material.

4. Report incident to Chairman, MLA Intellectual Freedom Committee for referral to ALA.

Marjorie F. Brister, Helen M. Ewing, Chairman

Sample Form

CITIZEN'S REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIAL

Author Hardcover Paperback Other

Title

Publisher (if known)

Request initiated by_____

Telephone_____Address_____

City_____Zip Code_____

Complainant represents
_____himself
_____(name organization)_____
_____(identify other group)_____

(If objection is to material other than a book, change wording of the following questions so that they apply.)

1. To what in the book do you object? (Please be specific; cite pages.
_____
2. What do you feel might be the result of reading this book?_____
_____
3. For what age group would you recommend this book?_____
4. Is there anything good about this book?_____
5. Did you read the entire book?_____ What parts?_____
_____
6. Are you aware of the judgment of this book by literary critics?____
_____
7. What do you believe is the theme of this book?_____
_____
8. What would you like your library/school to do about this book?
_____do not assign/lend it to my child
_____withdraw it from all readers/students as well as my child
_____send it back to the staff selection official/English department office for re-evaluation
9. In its place, what book of equal literary quality would you recommend that would convey as valuable a picture and perspective of the subject treated?_____
_____

_____
Signature of Complainant

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

We are already contacting former members of the legislative committee to serve on the new committee for the coming legislative term in January, 1969. Part of the success of the program is the great strength that former members of this committee have given to the program. Thank you for being so enthusiastic in saying "yes" for another term.

We need more money for libraries and we must get an increased appropriation from the State for this work. This will be the prime function of the committee during the next session.

Currently a series of four workshops is planned for June in various parts of Montana. You can be sure the legislative program is going to be a part of this program.

As legislative liaison chairman for the American Library Trustees Association, I attended the ALA meeting in Florida in January and was privileged to attend the ALA legislative committee meetings, especially those sessions dealing with the proposed copyright law and its effect on libraries. There are committee members in the 50 states working on the national level for better laws for libraries.

Margaret S. Warden (Mrs. R.S.) Chairman

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Library Development Committee is proud to announce the publication of the attractive brochure "A Time for Great Things" as the major accomplishment for the past year. The brochure outlines the library development program for the state.

Planning money only was received for the new programs under Library Services and Construction Act funds, and those funds resulted in this publication which is now in the hands of the membership.

Implementation of the program has been delayed by late funding. However, excellent progress has been made to date.

Further planning in depth is scheduled for the Montana Library Association annual conference to be held in Great Falls in May.

One meeting of the full Library Development Committee was held at the State Library in Helena on June 9, 1967. Subsequently, the Core sub-committee met with the members of the Montana Library Commission in Helena at the State Library on September 25, 1967, to report on the June meeting, and to report on their individual studies.

Alma S. Jacobs, Chairman

MONTANA AUTHORS COMMITTEE

The Montana Authors Committee has continued the work of listing new publications by Montana authors. Eleven new folders containing names of Montana authors not already in the files have been added during the past year. Biographies already collected have been brought up-to-date where possible.

The Committee on Local History Sources and the Montana Authors Committee will hold a joint meeting at the MLA Conference in May at Great Falls. Miss Minnie Paugh will conduct a workshop on techniques of preserving local history.

Mrs. Florina Vinal
Miss Minnie Paugh
Mrs. Mabel Brewer
Mrs. Adelaine Midgett, Chairman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Montana Library Association submits the following slate of officers for 1968-1969:

President:
Mrs. Adelaine Midgett, Assistant Catalog Librarian, University of Montana, Missoula

Vice-President and President-elect:
Mrs. Letitia Johnson, Librarian, Sentinel High School, Missoula

Secretary:
Mrs. Dorothy Brower, Librarian, Harlem Public Library, Harlem

PNLA Representative:
Mrs. Kay Griffith, Acquisitions Assistant, University of Montana, Missoula

Mrs. Frances Wells
Miss Alice McClain
Mrs. Mary Antnes, Chairman

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity committee mailed a letter in February to the Public and School Libraries urging them to prepare their scrapbooks for a display at the Montana Library Association meeting in Great Falls. The winning entry will receive a reward.

Natalie Sliepsevich
Irene Greenleaf
Myrtle Cooper, Chairman

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - 1968

National Library Week activity began last fall when State Chairman, Mrs. H. E. Harlowe, Miles City, called an organizational meeting of the State Committee. The meeting was held October 19, 1967 in Billings and the Committee's first action was to adopt the goals. Added as an immediate goal this year was interpreting and publicizing the three new titles; Interlibrary Cooperation, Services to state institutions and Service to the physically handicapped. Specific recommendations of the Committee were: telephones in all public and school libraries; listings in telephone directries under Library - Public and Library - school and a publicity program which would inform all residents of the state who were eligible for Services to the physically handicapped about this service

The Committee, recognizing the popularity and success of the Stan Lynde drawing of the little boy on the horse, decided to continue to use this as Montana's motif for the Week. Stationery reproducing the drawing in four colors and with the national slogan, "Be All You Can Be - Read" was printed and the March Newsletter was reproduced on this. Newspaper mats of the drawing were mailed to all daily and weekly newspapers and to all the periodicals in the state. Articles concerning libraries, reading and the Week appeared in MONTANA WOMAN, The Jay Cee Publication, MONTANA PARENT TEACHER, MONTANA EDUCATION and in many newspapers.

The material designed by National Headquarters for the current year was very imaginative and quicker delivery from New York was promised. In view of this, the State Committee ordered 100,000 bookmarks which were distributed to public and school libraries. These were also mailed by banks and circulated by service organizations, businesses and churches. An especially attractive 3-D counter display was sent to each public library.

A sub-committee was appointed to select an outstanding librarian in Montana to be honored during National Library Week.

Local National Library Week Committees were formed throughout the state and arranged exciting activities and programs for their communities.

Participation in National Library Week in Montana has been enthusiastic and Widespread for many years now. The attention that is focussed on libraries and reading by our programs during this week has certainly been an important factor in moving us along the way to achieving the great things for which we are all working.

Alene Cooper, Executive Director

ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIVISION

The College and Research Librarians Division has lost a few of its people, gained a slightly larger number of members and voted itself a new name. Now we are the ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIVISION of approximately 40 members.

The Tri-State meeting at Jackson, Wyoming, in May of 1967, afforded us the opportunity to hear Mr. Fred Shelley. Mr. Shelley represents the National Historical Publications Commission, which has been assigned the duty of making evaluations of original and resource materials in the field of American history with the intention of printing or preserving such materials for future use. He told of the acquisition of some of the more interesting publications, and the manner in which they are being preserved or recorded.

The business meeting of the Montana College and Research Libraries Division resulted in the adoption of the name change mentioned above. Mr. Douglas Mills reported the bibliography of Montana theses to be assembled for publication.

Representatives of two academic libraries reported difficulty in mailing packages of exchange journals at the special library rate. The Director of Administrative Services at Portland, Oregon, having jurisdiction over Post Offices in this area, had decreed that such exchange of duplicate serials did not come within the category of materials eligible for transportation at the library rate. It was recommended that librarians write the members of our Congressional delegation asking for a clarification of these regulations from the Postmaster General. Letters were sent to the Montana members of Congress and to members of the Senate and House Post Office committees who represent states with whom we exchange duplicates. The immediate response from these gentlemen was most helpful and resulted in instructions from the Postmaster General's office to permit the use of library rate for these exchanges. (Since the increase in postal rates the library cost has risen proportionately.

The terms of the Inter-Library Loan code have been questioned and a copy of the in-state code which is currently in use in South Dakota has been sent to members of the Academic and Special Libraries Division for study. It is planned to discuss this at the spring meeting.

We are pleased to report that one of our members, Miss Leslie Heathcote, has completed an index of the first twenty volumes of MONTANA LIBRARIES. It is a splendid addition to the professional work of the Association and will be used and appreciated by all.

Miss Lucile Speer, Documents Librarian, University of Montana, has achieved the right to add Emeritus to her title. We understand she is ready to start on new work in her special field of librarianship.

Jo Self, Chairman

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Membership in the school libraries division of MLA continues to spiral, with enrollment of school administrators up more than 30% over last year. Our membership chairman, Patricia Porro, received a nice assist from MLA President Jean Davis and Treasurer Rita Nelson in urging all school librarians and their principals and superintendents to join.

Four library workshops conducted by the Department of Public Instruction in cooperation with the Montana Association of School Librarians and the Montana State Library were held in March. School administrators, board members, librarians, A-V specialists and teachers met in Billings, Wolf Point, Great Falls and Missoula with Peggy Sullivan, formerly the Director of the Knapp School Libraries Project. A $500.00 grant awarded to MASL from the AASL Standards Implementation Committee helped to bring Miss Sullivan to our state as consultant for the regional sessions which were developed around the theme, "Effective Library Services." Letitia Johnson, chairman for the Montana Library Development Project, reports that Montana has been recipient of a grant from AASL for the implementation of ALA Standards for School Library Programs every year since they were first published in 1960.

Montana school librarians continued to coordinate MTA - MASL activities through liason representatives, Marian Gebhart, Edna Berg, Lucille Brown, Mildred Valach and Constance Lohse, who attended the Library Sectional meetings in each MEA District to report on our association activities and endeavors.

Chris Gower, able state president of the Montana Student Librarians from Rosary High School, Bozeman, will address the school librarians at our School Library Division meeting in May. The student librarians have established 5 regions for district organization and have active officers and going programs in three of those areas. Their 11th annual state meeting, with Rosary High School and the Montana State University as hosts, attracted student assistants and library club members from all parts of the state.

The Professional Training and Standards Committee are considering the kinds of library programs now offered, the content of the courses, and the possibilities for improving library education for teachers - in-training in Montana. The programs in library education available in the state in the summer of 1968 will be reported by chairman, Lawrence Hodges, U. of M., and committee members Helen Dresen, MSU, Harold Davidson, Eastern Montana College, and Marie Mastorovich, State Department of Public Instruction, at the MLA meetings in Great Falls. The Committee is pleased that the Department of Public Instruction in cooperation with the Department's Library and Audivisual Committee is engaged in a consideration of needed revisions in library standards for Montana schools

The Awards and Honors Committee, with Elizabeth Little as Chairman, encouraged school librarians to apply for the Encyclopedia Britannica awards and to enter their school administrator for the annual MLA "Administrator of the Year" award. The school administrator chosen for outstanding support and contribution to the school library program will be honored at the Awards Luncheon in Great Falls, May 4. This year a special MLA award for "Distinguished Library Service" will be presented to a recipient who has given meritorious support to libraries of all kinds in Montana.

School librarians and administrators were encouraged to capitalize on the attention focused on their libraries by state and national publicity during National Library Week. Reports of the exciting activities in all schools will be made at the School Library Division meeting and submitted to Alene Cooper, Executive Director, for the cumulative NLW state report. Chairman Patricia Sevens, Public Relations Committee, will report at the conference on favorable publicity and recognition received this year through news media.

Peggy Gadbow, Chairman

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS

The Trustees and Friends Division, Montana Library Association, began the past year with a meeting held in conjunction with the Idaho-Montana-Wyoming Library Associations joint convention in Jackson, Wyoming. The meeting was well-attended, and, aside from formal reports, consisted of a spirited discussion of several current problems. An excellent resume was printed in MONTANA LIBRARIES, July, 1967

During the year Montana Trustees and friends were active in promoting libraries and associated causes. Many trustees made contributions to the Montana State Library's A TIME FOR GREAT THINGS which should be required reading for all trustees and friends, In it are Montana's goals for library service, and a reprint of the Library Services and Construction Act, a law with even some literary merit as it is not at all hard to read.

Mrs. Virginia B. Harlowe served as chairman of the National Library Week committee and set up the organizational meeting in Billings on October 19, 1967. The fruits of that meeting and her other efforts were realized during the week of April 21-27, 1968.

Velma Pemberton continues as Montana's ALTA member with her usual effectiveness.

Commissioners acting as trustees in Rosebud County voted to begin implemention of Montana's federation plan by requesting a years demonstration ofservice from the Sagebrush Federation headquartered in Miles City.

Trustees and commissioners in Beaverhead, Madison and Jefferson counties are examing the demonstration service of the Big Sky Federation headquartered in Helena.

Great Falls trustees had the most rewarding experience a board can have during this past year - dedication of a new library. Congratulations to them for a job well done.

The Billings board got the year off to a questionable start with a protracted dispute over who would be appointed as a result of the new state requirement for membership passed by the 1967 legislature. This was finally resolved the right (i.e. the board's way, and plans for the new Billings Library, have occupied their attention since.

Plans for turstee workshops in Missoula, Billings, Great Falls and Glasgow are currently being formulated. Velma Pemberton, Margaret Warden and I will participate. Plan to attend; it will be worthwhile.

1968's MLA meeting, Trustees and Friends Division, is in Great Falls, Saturday, May 4th, 1968. Come and see the new Great Falls library. We meet in their auditorium.

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE

The Awards and Honors Committee of the Montana State Library Association has received three nominees for the trustee of the year award.

The entries have been judged, and the winning candidate will be announced at the conference in Great Falls.

Mrs. Florena Vinal, Chairman

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

The Montana Association of School Librarians recognizes annually a school administrator who merits recognition for outstanding support and contribution to the school library program. All Montana school librarians were notified by letter and asked to present nominations for the award. Qualifications, criteria and guidelines were included. The name of the 1968 award winner will be announced at the MLA Conference in Great Falls in May.

Mary Harstad
Lawrence Hodges
Elizabeth Little, Chairman

ALA COUNCILOR REPORT

While the "Hippies" were having their "Love-In" in San Francisco from June 25 to July 1, the librarians were having their "Learn-In". The theme of the 86th Annual Conference was "Crisis in Library Manpower - Myth and Reality".

From a "National Inventory of Library Needs, 1965", it was found that the national shortage of trained librarians was around 100,000. Manpower, in a word, has become the library world's No. 1 problem. To this end, Mary V. Gaver, ALA president, introduced a special presidential program which included four important phases of the manpower crisis: recruitment, instruction in the use of libraries; library education and manpower.

Dr. Seymour Wolfbein, Special Assistant to Secretary of Economic Affairs, the kickoff speaker, emphasized that librarians must utilize personnel, places and techniques that could be real innovations in the library profession. To further emphasize the theme, a panel film discussion presentation discussed innovations in training and new methods of utilizing personnel. The panelists were Clifton Fadiman, moderator; Mrs. Mildred Johnson, assistant dean graduate school, Rutgers University; Richard Darling, director, Montgomery County, Maryland; Mrs. Frances Johnson, University of North Carolina and John C. Frantz, director, Brooklyn Public Library. This film was of particular interest for many Montanans had had previous personal associations with three of the panel at workshops and our annual conferences.

In carrying out the President's program, we participated in small discussion groups for the following topics. 1. Selection and education of library personnel. Should library education be aimed at the graduate level only? Should it be the same for all types of libraries? 2. Utilization of personnel. Can jobs in libraries be redesigned and reorganized so that fewer professional qualified people would be required? Can we use other kinds of personnel? 3. How can we overcome resistance to social, institutional and technological change effecting the role of libraries?

I participated in several divisional meetings. Marguerita Edwards charmed her listeners with her experiences with the "City Kid and the Library". Dr. William Glasser, a Los Angeles Psychiatrist, author of "Reality Therapy", in speaking to "Institutional Librarians "suggested that treatment should not be for what caused mental illness but to assist the patient to function in a better way now with reading being an important part of this therapy.

Again ALA had to decide whether to move from Chicago's crowded quarters to Washington, D. C. After much confusing parliamentary procedures given by a confused parliamentarian, it was decided to put it to a mail vote of the membership. I noted where Montanans voted along with others as overwhelming against the move.

In a conference as large as ALA's, the time element is a handicap and one has to pick and choose from a host of sectional meetings. In San Francisco, it was more of a bustle to get from the general meetings at the Civic Auditorium to the meetings in various distant places. Buses and cabs were the order of the day. In my scurrying to and from, I hailed other Montanans, Jean Davis, Ruth Longworth, Alma Jacobs, Alene Cooper, Terry Clay, Natalie Sliepsecich, Velma Pemberton, to mention a few.

I was pleased to be your representative and wish more of you could become familiar with the structure of ALA. It is necessarily unwieldy at times but the stature of its membership adds to a higher regard for its accomplishments. I do thank you for sending me.

Clare M. Smith, Councilor

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

The new programs under the Library Services and Construction Act have increased activities at the State Library to a gratifying degree.

The state law which makes the State Library the Center for the distribution of state documents is now in effect and working out quite well. The departments of Government are cooperating in a very satisfactory manner and routines are now well established for the distribution.

Title III of the Library Services and Construction Act provides funds for establishing and maintaining cooperative networks of libraries. Montana's plan provides for strengthening the services of all libraries by speeding up inter-library loans and opening up the existing strong reference collections for general use. In operation is an inward and outward WATS telephone at the State Library. Service has been vastly improved through this device. In process is a pilot study in the Missoula area to determine specific methods

of cooperation between all types of libraries. Planned are workshops to be shared by librarians of all types of libraries to learn ways of working together for better service.

Title IVA, Service to State Institutions, is in the process of implementation. Where a strong library exists in a city where one of the institutions is located, service will be extended from that library to the residents of the institution. Costs will be underwritten by LSCA funds. Three institutions: the prison, the hospitals at Warm Springs and at Galen are being served direct from the State Library. This is a most welcome service, now only at its beginning but one that will fill a big need for this special segment of our population.

Big event of the year is the establishment of service to the blind and physically handicapped with the State Library as the regional center. The staff has been extremely busy, setting up the program and providing speedy service to these many residents who are so dependent upon the Talking Books for their reading pleasure. The new law broadens the public who can use these recordings to include the visually and physically handicapped.

Three demonstrations are currently in effect with July, 1968 as their date of termination: Billings is demonstrating in Yellowstone County; Miles City in Rosebud County and the Helena Public Library in Jefferson, Madison and Beaverhead. Hope is high that all five counties will provide local funds for continued service on a self-supporting basis.

In process is the preparation of the Biennial Report for the forthcoming Legislative Assembly. Statistics will be included in that issue and will supplement this report.

PNLA REPRESENTATIVE

The fifty-seventh PNLA Conference was held at the North Shore Motor Hotel in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, August 23-25, 1967 with Miss Alice McClain, Montana State University Library, presiding.

The theme of the Conference was "Working Together". Featured speakers at the Conference were: Mrs. Blanch Oliveri, Assistant Director for Program Coordination Services, National Agricultural Library; Phoebe F. Hayes, Director of the Bibliographical Center for Research, Rocky Mountain Region, Denver; Benjamin A. Custer, Editor, Dewey Decimal Classification, Library of Congress; Simeon Oliver, Washington author; Eli Oboler, Idaho State University Librarian; Miss Phyllis Baxendale, Manager, Text Processing and Library Management Research Laboratory, IBM, San Jose, California.

Eli Oboler resigned as editor of the PNLA Quarterly after serving for nine successful years. In recognition of his distinguished contributions to the Association, he was presented with a Honorary Life Membership. Perry Morrison of the University of Oregon School of Librarianship succeeds him.

Montana members who are PNLA division officers and standing committee members are: Margaret Hileman, chairman of Public Li-

braries Division; Helen M. Ewing, Chairman of circulation Division Alice M. Ridenour, Chairman of Technical Services Division; Minnie Paugh, Bibliography Committee; Lawrence Hodges, Library Development and Legislation Committee; Adelaine S. Midgett, PNLA Membership Committee; Alice McClain, PNLA Nominating Committee; Alma S. Jacobs PNLA nominating Committee; Margaret Warden, Special Projects Committee; Jean Davis, PNBC Council member.

The 1968 PNLA Conference will be held August 14-16 at the Bayshore Inn, Vancouver, B. C. An Honorary Life Membership in PNLA has been voted for Miss Lesley Heathcote, Director of Libraries, Montana State University, and will be presented at that time. Plan now to attend.

Kay Griffith

FEDERAL COORDINATOR

Federal Legislation and appropriations for libraries during the past year were characterized as "frustrating" by ALA Legislative Committee Chairman Edmon Low in his report at Bal Harbor. The ALA Washington office and the committee have had their hands full with minor engagements and holding actions. Damage to library budgets from postal increases was held to a minimun; threatened cuts in library program funding for all types were fought; concern in the long copyright argument was put forward; and funding was achieved for the new Library Services and Construction Act. Most encouraging is the amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act permitting Congress to appropriate funds a year ahead of time, a principle which should surely be incorporated into all legislation for libraries. The delays that are effected by late funding (last year for LSCA, 7 months late) are exasperating and damaging. We must work for a future step which will provide general aid with block grants, administered by the State, supplanting the categorical aid which has been the pattern so far.

Action is needed to acquaint our Senators and Representatives in Congress with our concern over the copyright law in its present form (S. 597). ALA approved a resolution, proposing revision of the present bill so that libraries will be protected against legal liability for use of copying machines in the library.

Action is also needed to secure full financial support for all library legislation. Montana's Congressional delegation are staunch supporters of the library program but they need to hear from everyone of us, expressing our interest and concern. They need to know what these programs mean to every community in the State.

Ruth O. Longworth, Federal Coordinator

COMMITTE ON LOCAL HISTORY

The Committee on Local History is planning a joint meeting with the Montana Authors Committee at the Great Falls Conference. Minnie Paugh of Montana State University Library will lead the discussion on techniques of preserving local history.

In September, Rita McDonald of Oregon State University Library will conduct a workshop on the same topic.

Marie MacDonald, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Active members:

School Librarians		121
Public Librarians		109
Academic and special Librarians		40
Total active		270

Associate members:

Friends		134
Trustees		
Commission members	4	
Public library trustees	179	
School administrators	60	
Total trustees		243
Institutional members		6
Total membership		653
Gain in membership since May 1, 1967		9

Mrs. Rita M. Nelson, Chairman
Mrs. Peggy Gadbow
Mrs. Josephine Self
Mr. Dale Madson

REPORT OF TREASURER

GENERAL FUND

Receipts

Balance, April 1, 1967	$1560.39
Memberships	1707.00
1967 Conference	302.35
Exhibit space, 1968 Conference	285.00
Total	$3854.74

Disbursements

Exhibits Roundtable, membership	3.00
ALA dues	25.00
Expenses, 1967 Conference	28.11
Expenses, Executive Board	109.25
Postage	65.00
Treasurer, Honorarium	250.00
ALA representative, expenses	275.28
Transfer to scholarship fund, 1967/68	170.70
	$954.24

Balance $2900.50

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Receipts

Balance April, 1967	877.10
Transfer from General Fund, 1967/68	170.70

Balance $1047.80

TOTAL $3948.40

Rita M. Nelson, Treasurer